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itself—is undergoing a change now and it is under consideration. We hope to receive some directives with regard to planning in April this year. After that, perhaps we will be able to make concrete proposals."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that the delay in the implementation of the First Five-Year Plan was chiefly caused by the need for extra staff to execute the works and will the Hon. Minister, along with the proposals, sanction the necessary extra staff to execute them without delay? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The necessary staff has been sanctioned in all cases where new schemes have been taken up for execution. As far as our State is concerned, I do not think that there has been any complaint with regard to the organization for the execution of these schemes."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY:—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இரண்டாவது ஐந்து வருஷத்திட்டத்திற்காக என்று சர்க்கார் இப்பொழுது இருக்கக்கூடிய வரியை அதிகப்படுத்தப் போகிறார்களா, அல்லது இருக்கிற வரியை வைத்துக்கொண்டே . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is a different question. Let the hon. Member give notice of a separate question."

Appointment of a Medical Officer to the dispensary at Karambakkudi, Puddukkottai Division, Tiruchirappalli district.

* 570 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) since how long the Government dispensary at Karambakkudi in Pudukkottai Division, Tiruchirappalli district, has been without a full-time Medical Officer ; and

(*b*) the reasons for the delay in appointing a full-time officer?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Since the 6th December 1952. But the Medical Officer attached to the Alangudi dispensary was visiting this dispensary on the afternoon of three alternate days in the week.

" (*b*) Acute shortage in the category of Assistant Surgeons in the Madras Medical Service. A Medical Officer has since been posted to the station."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Why should not the scarcity of doctors particularly in rural areas be met by re-employing retiring and retired medical men if they are physically and mentally fit? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" In some cases local bodies are allowed to re-employ medical men. Now in the course of this month the Madras Public Services Commission will recruit 150 candidates to fill up vacancies."